

IRIS BREVICAULIS IN CANADA.—The discovery of a large colony of *Iris brevicaulis* Raf. near Point Pelee on the north shore of Lake Erie in June, 1953, has extended the known range of this species to Ontario and appears to furnish a new record for the Canadian flora.

This Iris was found growing near the marshy edge of Sturgeon Creek, which empties into Lake Erie about three miles southeast of Leamington at the base of Point Pelee. Along the same stream, growing with *Typha angustifolia* L. at its mucky margin, were seen numerous scattered individuals of *Iris virginica* L. var. *Shrevei* Anderson. The colony of *I. brevicaulis* was at some distance back from the margin of the creek near a woods, growing in a low marshy area which appeared to be periodically flooded. The shorter flexuous stems of *I. brevicaulis* contrasted sharply with the longer and straight-stemmed plants of *I. virginica* var. *Shrevei*.

Specimens from the following collection of *Iris brevicaulis* Raf. have been placed in the Herbarium of the Department of Botany at the University of Toronto and of the Missouri Botanical Garden:—near the marshy edge of Sturgeon Creek, three miles southeast of Leamington, Ontario, June 20, 1953, J. K. & M. E. Shields 1348.

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